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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 15, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for June 15, 2004.

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POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

Milliyet, Zaman, Ekspres, Ozgur Gundem / In Toktak, Dortyol, Hatay province, three volunteer village guards guarding the building machinery were killed by PKK/KONGRA-GEL terrorists. Two people were wounded during the incident.

Zaman, Ozgur Gundem / It is reported that one of the two terrorists killed during the clash in Bingol was Syrian. Two terrorists were killed while they were trying to bomb the Bingol Jandarma's social club.

Zaman / The Diyarbakir Public Prosecutor started an investigation into the June 13 Diyarbakir DEHAP meeting. (Editor's Note: During the meeting the PKK flag was on display and people praised Abdullah Ocalan.)

Zaman / It is reported that PKK/KONGRA-GEL gathered its special forces in the Elazig-Tunceli-Bingol triangle, threatening tourists and investors planning to come to the region.

Bolge, Ekspres / In Adana, DEHAP, Human Rights Organization and some high school students gathered in Inonu Park to protest against the June 2004 Istanbul NATO Summit.

Turkiye, Tercuman / Eleven alleged terrorists were found in Adana with 4 kilograms of C-4 explosives. It is reported that terrorists were planning to attack some government buildings. Bolge reported the target was the governor's office Tercuman reports that security forces found terrorists in Adana's Incirlik and 19 Mayis Districts.

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